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SUBJ: UNEVENNESS IN LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN DISENGAGEMENT

REF: CAIRO 7035

1. SEPTEMBER 18 AKHBAR CARRIES FRONT PAGE ARTICLE BY MUSA SABRI DEALING WITH RECENT ARTICLE IN BEIRUT NEWSPAPER "AS-SAFIR"- "FINANCED BY COL. QADHAAFI"- PURPORTEDLY CARRYING REMAKRS MADE BY EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO ENGLAND (AND EXPACOS) SHAZLI TO GROUP OF ARAB STUDENTS IN LONDON IN AUGUST. SABRI ARTICLE GIVES SHAZLI ROOM TO BOTH DENY AND CONDEM "AS-SAFRI" REPORT, WHOSE PURPOSE SABRI IMPLICITLY SUGGEST IS TO DISCREDIT EGYNT.

2.

COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST SUCH ARTICLE CRITICAL OF LIBYA TO APPEAR IN CAIRO PRESS SINCE MID-AUGUST MEETINGS BETWEEN QADHAAFI AND SADAT, WHICH SAW GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT DIRTY BILATERAL LAUNLRY SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ON PUBLIC VIEW. AS SUCH IT IS ANOMALOUS BUT MAY BE EXPALINED BY A) RTRONG ANTI-QADHAAFI
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BIAS OG AKHBAR UNDER GUIDANCE OF AMIN BROTHERS AND SABRIV;

OR B) GROWING IRRITATION OF GOE AT CONTINUED ANTI-EGYPTIAN
TONE OF LIBYAN MEDIA (REFTEL). THIS WAS MOST RECENTLY
CALLED TO ATTENTION OF EMBOFF BY MEMBER OF PRESIDENCY STAFF
SEPTEMBER 16. WHATEVER THE CASE, SHAZLI'S CAREER HAS NOT
BEEN HELPED BY SABRI'S REMAKRS OVER THE ASHES OF LONDON
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